



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL

Eligible Applicants:

- *Local Governments with a Sustainable Communities Designation*
- *Local Government Consortiums with a Sustainable Communities Designation*

Application must be submitted
on or before the expiration date of
Sustainable Communities designation.

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OVERVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 established a framework for reinvestment and revitalization of Maryland's existing communities creating a single, locally designated geographic focus area. Since that time the "Sustainable Communities" designation has provided an efficient means of targeting scarce public and private resources for multiple State agency investments and prioritizations.

PURPOSE OF RENEWAL AND STREAMLINED APPLICATION

The Sustainable Communities (SC) designation must be renewed every five years. This renewal application provides an opportunity for local governments to update their existing SC action plan and report on the accomplishments made over the past five years. Through the renewal process, local governments can request additional technical assistance and highlight any areas from the original action plan for which progress must still be made.

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

If a local government has limited capacity, staff from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Department of Planning (MDP) will be available to assist local government officials through the application process.

Please contact your Regional Project Manager at DHCD if you would like to request or learn more about this assistance (see page iv for contact information).

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BENEFITS

The benefits of a Sustainable Community designation are substantial. The SC designation is a threshold requirement for application to several Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development revitalization programs (such as the Community Legacy Program and Strategic Demolition Fund listed below). Other programs from both the Department and other State agencies offer additional points or preference in the application process. The Sustainable Communities designation provides access to a suite of resources that can support housing and community development, local transportation enhancements, tax credit programs and programs to support a healthier environment. Taken together, these resources can promote safer, healthier and more attractive communities for families to live and put down roots.

Community Legacy Program is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides local governments and community development organizations with financial assistance to strengthen communities through such activities as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Community Legacy funds are restricted to Sustainable Community Areas.

Strategic Demolition Fund is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides grants and loans to local governments and community development organizations for predevelopment activities including demolition and land assembly for housing and revitalization projects.

The Strategic Demolition Fund catalyzes public and private investment in the reuse of vacant and underutilized sites. These funds are restricted to Sustainable Communities.

Application Eligibility and Threshold Requirements

Local governments (municipal or county) are eligible to apply.

Eligible applicants are to convene their Sustainable Communities Workgroup to discuss the accomplishments and challenges of their Sustainable Community Action Plans in addition to any update they may like to make to the Action Plan. The applicant may choose to select new members to participate in the Workgroup. The purpose of this workgroup is to continue and reinforce working relationships and collaborations among local governmental departments and better align community development priorities and strategies. In addition, this is an opportunity to assess if the Workgroup would like technical assistance from State government agencies to implement certain action items or develop strategies to address local challenges.

Threshold Requirements

All Sustainable Community applications must meet the following threshold requirements:

- 1) Sustainable Community Area boundaries must be entirely within a Priority Funding Area (PFA) and should be an area in need of renewal and reinvestment that would benefit from a targeted long-term strategy;
- 2) The proposed Sustainable Community is within or near a town center or transportation center, or there is a need for financing assistance for small businesses, nonprofit organizations or microenterprises;
- 3) The updated Plan must be consistent with other existing community or comprehensive plans;
- 4) A Sustainable Communities Workgroup is re-convened, and a roster of members should be provided with the application.

Applications that do not meet these threshold requirements will not be considered.

Application Evaluation

The Sustainable Community application for renewal will be evaluated based on the reporting of the accomplishments achieved and a thorough assessment of local strengths and weaknesses and how well desired outcomes, strategies and action steps are connected to the local conditions.

Priority Funding Areas

All Sustainable Communities must be located entirely within a Priority Funding Area. Applicants can verify Priority Funding Area boundaries by visiting the MDP website at:
<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/pfamap.shtml>

Application Training

The Department will be hosting various webinars for communities planning to submit a renewal application. Attendance at a minimum of one application training session is strongly encouraged for all applicants. Contact your Regional Project Manager (contact information page iv) to schedule an application training or verify when the webinars will be scheduled.

Application Submission

Applications will be submitted both electronically/digitally and via postal mail. Each applicant must submit **one** hard copy of their application with all required attachments. DHCD reserves the right to not consider incomplete applications.

The first printed page of the electronic application is a Table of Contents (see page vii). This should also serve as a checklist and be used to provide corresponding tabs. In addition to the digital copy of the application, all pictures and maps are to be submitted on a CD-ROM or flash drive. Pictures should be burned to the CD in a JPEG format and maps should be burned to the CD in a pdf format. Please ALSO include GIS shapefiles of Sustainable Community boundaries and other GIS related data if a boundary change is requested. Be sure to label your files on the CD-ROM appropriately, i.e., “Proposed Sustainable Community Boundary,” “Current Sustainable Community Boundary,” etc.

No incomplete applications will be accepted.

Deliver Sustainable Community Applications to:

Sustainable Community Application

ATTN: Mary Kendall

Division of Neighborhood Revitalization

Department of Housing and Community Development

2 N Charles Street, Suite 450

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Site Visits. Follow-up Discussion

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits, hold meetings or have for follow-up discussions with applicants prior to designation approval.

Approval

Approval of applications will be made by the Governor’s Smart Growth Coordinating Committee on the recommendation of an inter-agency review team. The review team is coordinated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Contact Information

All questions related to application content, please contact your regional project manager. Regional contacts listed in the table on the next page.

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

Ongoing designation as a Sustainable Community is contingent upon the continuation, expansion, and/or modification of a multi-year investment strategy that addresses the topic areas of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning. The table below provides a non-exhaustive list of ideas that can be incorporated into each element as they are addressed in the sections that follow in this application.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental accomplishments and objectives may include improvement of quality of land, water, air or watersheds, increased tree canopy, mitigation or adaptation to issues related to sea level rise, reduction of carbon footprint, improved energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, construction of parks, trails and other recreation facilities, recycling, improved water and sewer capacity, etc.

ECONOMY: Economic accomplishments and objectives may include increased regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, improved health of the business district and decreased commercial vacancies, improved accessibility to employment opportunities and economic drivers, adopted local policies/regulations that encourage economic growth, enhanced marketing and tourism, improvements to cultural and historic assets, etc.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation accomplishments and objectives may include increased access to transit corridors, improved pedestrian safety and increased accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, improved parking and road conditions, etc.

HOUSING: Housing accomplishments and objectives may include an increase in affordable, workforce or market rate housing, either for homeownership or rental, improved housing conditions and values, increase in housing programs, reduction in foreclosures and residential vacancies, increase in property values and home sale values, etc.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Quality of life accomplishments and objectives may include crime, socio-economic demographics, educational opportunities, museums, libraries, historic and cultural assets, civic amenities, faith-based organizations, economic health of households, sense of place, etc.

LAND USE/LOCAL PLANNING: Land use accomplishments and objectives may include changes to zoning, improved land use policies, increase/decrease in taxes and fees, etc.

RENEWAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Sustainable Communities application for renewal has **three** sections:

A. Contact information, General Information, Organizational Capacity:

In this section, applicants are asked to update their contact information, provide information about demographic shifts over the past five years, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their Sustainable Communities workgroup and share any technical assistance needs the workgroup may have.

B. Qualitative and Comprehensive Report on accomplishments over past five years:

The report is an opportunity to reflect on any accomplishments achieved in the Sustainable Community area. It is a tool used to evaluate if the SC applicant achieved its intended outcomes, implemented the strategies initially envisioned and identify what resources were used. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the six elements listed on the previous page (v), including how any of the elements may have interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

The Sustainable Communities Action Plan has been revised so that it is less time consuming and focused on developing a strategic implementation plan. Renewal applicants are encouraged to use their previous Sustainable Communities applications as a basis for their updated Action Plan. You may identify which weaknesses have not yet been addressed or which strategies have not yet been implemented. Include your revitalization priorities for the next five years, basing them on your community's current strengths and weaknesses.

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: Town of North Brentwood

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: North Brentwood Sustainable Community Area

Please review the checklist of attachments and furnish all of the attachments that are applicable. Contents of the application should be tabbed and organized as follows:

- ☒ **Section A - Sustainable Community Renewal Applicant Information**
- ☒ **Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
- ☒ **Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
- ☒ **Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- ☒ **Section E – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
- ☒ **Section F – CD-ROM:** The CD-ROM should include the following contents:
 - If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Community
 - **GIS shapefiles of the modified Sustainable Community boundary** (if requesting a modification) and other GIS related data
 - Pictures (jpeg format) of your accomplished projects of the last five years (as indicated in Section B)
 - Digital copy of completed Sustainable Communities Renewal Application

Sustainable Communities Renewal Application - Section A

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:

North Brentwood Sustainable Community Area

Name of Renewal Applicant:

Town of North Brentwood

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-1177868

Applicant's Street Address: 4009 Wallace Road

City: North Brentwood

County: Prince George's

State: MD **Zip Code:** 20722

Phone Number: 301.699.9699

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Sustainable Community Renewal Application Local Contact:

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Title: Mayor

Address: 4009 Wallace Road

City: North Brentwood

State: MD **Zip Code:** 20722

Phone Number: 301.699.9699x1225

Fax Number: 301.699.1824

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Other Sustainable Community Contacts:

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Address: 4009 Wallace Road

City: North Brentwood

State: Maryland **Zip Code:** 20722

Phone Number: 301.699.9699x1226

Fax Number: 301.699.1824

E-mail Address: townmanager@northbrentwood.com

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not? No, the Town of North Brentwood is landlocked by adjoining towns.
- (2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):
- a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
 - b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),
- (3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: .10 acres
- (4) Existing federal, state or local designations:
- ☐ Main Street ☐ Maple Street
 - ☒ National Register Historic District ☐ Local Historic District ☒ Arts & Entertainment District
 - ☒ State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District ☐ BRAC ☐ State Designated TOD
 - ☒ Other(s): Designated Opportunity Zone
- (5) Describe the SC Area's current demographic trends (with respect to age, race, household size, household income, educational attainment, number of housing units, or other relevant factors). How have demographics changed in the last five years?
- According to the 2017 and 2018 Census Bureau's Population estimates the current population of North Brentwood is 562 since 2008 there has been less than 1% change in the demographics of the town. The median age is now estimated at 36.4 years. The current housing stock is 195 up from the 186 in 2008, nine new homes have been constructed or rehabbed and few buildable vacant lots are available in the town. Occupied homes have remained stable as well as the number of vacancies.

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

- (1) Describe any changes to the Applicant's organizational structure. Specifically, how has membership of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup changed in the last five years? Who are/were the leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?

Mayor Petrella Robinson and Circuit Rider Town Clerk, Jacqueline Goodall, North Brentwood Town Council members, Town Treasurer, Shelley Dorsey and Town Code Officer, Martha Cuffey represented the town.

Mary Kendall, Jeremy Weiss, Anna Linden Weller, Gene Miller representatives from Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

The organizational structure of the town has remained the same, except for hiring a Circuit Rider Town Administrator through a grant. The Prince George's County Planning department has had

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discussion with the mayor and staff in the past year. The primary participants in the workgroup for the SC Area Plan were the Mayor, Town Council, Staff and technical assistance from DHCD staff.

- (2) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?

Most of the goals from the 2012 Sustainable Communities Plan were accomplished through partnerships established with the state, county and local non-profits. North Brentwood's main challenge has been the limited capacity of town staff. Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning (MNCPPC) owns several acres within the town which is under their direct jurisdiction. MNCPPC is also the primary planning and zoning authority for the County, except for the Rhode Island corridor which continues to be zoned Mixed Use (MUI) and Urban Light Industry (ULI) with restriction due to the Gateways Art District designation, all remaining portion of North Brentwood is zoned residential (R55) and a historic designation.

- (3) How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to the Sustainable Communities Action Plan update? On which existing local plans (comprehensive plans, economic development plans, sector plans, etc.) is the Sustainable Communities Action Plan based?

North Brentwood is a small community with a very active citizen engagement at workshop and town meetings. However, to date there has been limited engagement in local planning.

- (4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you would like assistance.

The assistance that the Town receives from DHCD has been very helpful in updating the SC Plan for 2019 and the town will continue to reach out to the state and county for much needed technical assistance. Over the past five years much of the outcomes reached have been from outside entities, in order to reach the goals that were set. There will be a greater need for partnerships for the new goals in the area of transportation, Opportunity Zone development, addressing stormwater issues and continued funding through grants.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of this assessment is to capture significant projects/ improvements that have been completed since the approval of your local government's Sustainable Communities designation.

In relation to the goals stated in your local government's Sustainable Community Action Plan, **please highlight at least three major accomplishments from the last five years**, including how you achieved them. When writing your narrative, consider the questions below and refer to the six elements discussed in the General Information section of this document (page iv) – Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning.

- 1) **Outcome:** Which outcomes identified in your Sustainable Community plan were you able to achieve?
- 2) **Projects:** Which projects did you implement in order to achieve the outcome? Also indicate when you started and completed these projects.
- 3) **Partners:** With whom (i.e. state agencies, local stakeholders) did you partner to complete projects?
- 4) **Impact:** What kind of measurable impact did the achieved outcome have on your community? Are there other intangible benefits?
- 5) **Pictures:** Please also include pictures that depict your accomplishments.

[EXAMPLE] Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

Project 1: Stormwater Retrofit Plan – In October 2014, the Town Council approved the Town's stormwater retrofit plan which outlines various strategies and capital budget expenditures over the next five years. Strategies include reducing the amount of impervious surface in the community and improving stormwater management. One of the plan recommendations is to pass an ordinance that assesses an environmental protection fee on municipal permits.

Project 2: Green Streets – The Town added green elements to approximately 600 linear feet of roadway that had been experiencing severe flooding. Specifically, bioswales were constructed and trees were planted.

Partners:

Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance

MD DHCD – provided financial assistance in form of a Community Legacy grant (totaling \$50,000).

Impact: The implementation of the projects had a significant impact on the community by improving stormwater runoff. The streets with the newly constructed bioswales no longer experience flooding.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 1: ECONOMICS

Outcome: Empowerment of the community

Projects: Sis's Tavern Phase I / Outdoor Pavilion

In 2014, the Town purchased the old jute joint (Sis's Tavern) which is located at the entrance of the town and is on the Historical Register of Prince George's County. During the time of segregation, Sis's Tavern, was a hot spot for entertainment through the evening and after hours in the late 40's through the early 60's. Black entertainers that were not welcome in D.C. after performances, many times came to Sis's to relax, unwind and entertain, many Black entertainers from the infamous Howard Theatre in Washington, D. C. frequented. The town hired Hyattsville Community Development Corporation to oversee maintenance, construction and permitting for the property. An Outdoor Pavilion is also being constructed at the adjacent location as a replicant of the dance pavilion that was across the street from Sis's, the land was purchased by the town to be used as an addition to the tavern, as well as an independent location for music jam sessions in the Gateway Arts District. Hyattsville CDC applies for grants for both projects and has had a 77% approval rate of moneys obtained. The town is also working on a MOU with the Prince Georges African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC).

Partners: Neighborhood Design Center, Hyattsville CDC, PGAAMCC

Grant Partners: ATHA has assisted with obtaining \$30,000, Community Legacy provided funding of \$85,000, MHAA provided \$50,000, Maryland Board of Public Works through bond bill \$125,000, CDBG Prince Georges County \$100,000

Impact: The completion will give an economic boost to North Brentwood's Gateway Arts District designation. In turn will attract new businesses and visitors to the area. The building/pavilion will revitalize area in visual and performing arts

Accomplishment 2:

Economic Development

Outcome: Opportunity Zone designation

Projects:

In 2018, North Brentwood was designated by the Governor as one the of the Opportunity Zones in Prince George's County and State of Maryland. This designation will increase interest for developers to invest in the commercial areas and receive sizeable tax credits. The town also offers added incentives for businesses to locate with the GAD as they receive State tax incentives. There are currently 14 businesses in the town.

Partners: DHCD, Department of Commerce

Impact: Opportunity Zones designation has the potential to enhance and bolster existing places for low to moderate income communities and creates new market tax credits.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 3: ECONOMICS

Outcome: Prince George's African-American Museum and Cultural Center Opened

Projects: The Prince George's African-American Museum and Cultural Center at North Brentwood opened and has been economic engine for the Route One Corridor. In SC 2012, the town included the museum and its plan in the SC. To date the museum hired a new Executive Director who has achieved amazing accomplishments in the short period of time, to produce more visibility of the museum, more activity at the museum, many rental opportunities, and exceptional diverse exhibits. Visitor and rental participation are increasing since 2012, as well as recognition. The museum houses the impactful and interesting history of the town. The town is working with the museum on a MOU for management services of Sis's Tavern/Pavilion. A new Board of Directors is being formed and Mayor of North Brentwood has accepted a request to serve on the board.

All the available space for businesses on the Rhode Island Avenue is filled, however there is a vacant lot less than one acre that is for sale. The largest building houses Fixture Plus which could be a good opportunity for an investor. In 2018 - Approval of a new CL Funding for Facade improvements of the town's 14 businesses in the commercial area. The funding will approve the esthetics of the businesses and improve visual look of the town.

Partners: Town of North Brentwood, State of Maryland, Prince Georges County Economic Development, DHCD

Impact: PGAAMCC provides a fruitful and impactful relationship between the town and museum; improve visibility of business and attract customers from the volume of cars that travel Rhode Island Avenue each day.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 4: HOUSING

Outcome: Improved Housing Conditions

Projects: The town hired a part-time code officer which aided in enforcement of town codes and building permits. This in turn ensured that the county and town permits were obtained. Housing conditions were overseen through relationship with the town code officer and county inspectors. Home sales and property values have increased more than 25%. Due to the surrounding municipalities investing in the corridor there are millennials who are interested in living in small and walkable communities. Five new \$600,000.00 homes have been built and sold. In addition, working with the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration (PGCMC) weatherization program since 2012 many of the homes which needed energy upgrading, now are energy efficient. This has added to the value of the homes and reduced the town's overall energy consumption.

Partners: Community Legacy, DHCD; PGCMC

Impact: Increase of values of existing homes. Reduce energy consumption attracting new residents to the community

Accomplishment 5: ECONOMICS

Outcome: Fiscal Responsibility to the Citizens of North Brentwood

Projects: The town's leadership has been determined to improve the financial values of this small historic town since 2012. The town has committed more than \$100,000.00 to CIP account for investment. Invested in properties such as Sis's Tavern and adjoining vacant lot to boost the town's economy and provide more Green Space. The town owns its Municipal building which it shares with MNCPPC Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center. The center provides a place to help older adults in the community remain active and help with marketing of the Gateway Arts District by making the area attractive to the older adults. In addition, MNCPPC pays 79% of utilities in building as has a fifty-year lease agreement. The implementation of the Circuit Rider Town Manager Grant (sponsored by the town) through DHCD has improved our capacity.

Partners: MNCPPC, DHCD

Impact: The town can have matching funds to match grants that it may apply for.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 6: TRANSPORTATION

Outcome: Accessible Transportation

Projects: In 2012, transportation was limited to Metrobus. In 2014, Route One Ride coalition was formed, and North Brentwood was an intricate part.

The wrapped bus runs on Route One, with identification of all municipalities on the corridor. The town also requested a Bus Stop for THE BUS

in front of GBSAC for seniors and citizens that gives access to the Metro Rail. Metro Access is often at the facility to drop off seniors.

The bike trail on the levee was added under the Department of Public Works. The lights on the bike trail were added for security. It also is a walkable area.

Partners: THE BUS, ROUTE ONE RIDE, METRO ACCESS, ANACOSTIA HERITAGE TRAILS (ATHA)

Impact: The area is great for walking and bicycling. Bus transportation is convenient.

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Descriptive Narrative: Please use this section to describe any major outcomes or projects from your last Sustainable Communities Action Plan that have NOT been accomplished and why.

Outcome: Stormwater Remediation

Narrative: The Town of North Brentwood has continued to seek funding to address the urban flooding that plagues the town. One of the largest obstacles come from the fact that a large area of the town that faces this problem is located in the 500 year flood plain and funding from CDBG is disallowed in the flood plain according to Prince Georges County DHCD. Currently the town is reaching out to other funding sources, such as the state and foundations to address the corrective measures. The town has also led several educational workshops and invited Prince Georges Rain Check rebate to demonstrate measures that individual homeowners could take to address pooling of storm water on their property. Mayor Robinson also is enrolled in the UM Environmental Finance Center Municipal Online Stormwater Training (MOST) to learn more about how she can assist her town in overcoming this obstacle.

Outcome: Installation of LED street lighting throughout the town

Narrative: The goal of installing LED street lighting has not yet been achieved, however the town is currently working on designation as a MEA Smart Energy Community. After completion of the designation MEA may offer in 2019 funding for LED street lighting. Pepco has also began an Energy Efficient Communities Program (EECP) to provide energy efficiency incentive funding, technical expertise, outreach and education to local municipalities and incentives for street lighting which the town has enrolled.

Outcome: Rhode Island Avenue State Highway Route 1

Narrative: Addressing pedestrian safety improvements, short and long term streetscape goals will require engaging MDOT to include North Brentwood in their planning discussions for Route 1. Currently, there are plans to extend the Trolley train in neighboring Hyattsville to the municipal line and MDOT also has plans to install a traffic control light at the border of North Brentwood and Brentwood, but there are no plans to date for work within the North Brentwood town boundaries to address any issues on Route 1. With the increase in vehicle traffic along Route 1 and the plans to redevelop our commercial district, it is imperative that the pedestrian safety and streetscape goals be included in future plans that MDOT has.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of the comprehensive assessment is to capture indicators of accomplishments in each Sustainable Community. Indicators should reflect the five year time period since the adoption of the Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Thus, the following questions focus on the common outcomes that were identified in the various Sustainable Community Action Plans approved by the State. The assessment will be grouped in the sections of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

Check “YES” if applicable to your community. If you answer “YES” please quantify the accomplishment (i.e. Q: Has there been an increase in the number of businesses in your Main Street/commercial district? A: YES 4 new businesses have opened in the past five years). If necessary, please also provide a short description of the accomplishment.

Please check “NO” if the question item did not have any impact on your community. If you answer “NO” please briefly summarize what kept you from achieving your plan’s desired outcomes.

Check “N/A”, if the question item does not apply to your Sustainable Community.

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ENVIRONMENT				If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
	YES	NO	N/A	
1. Has there been an improvement in water quality?			X	All water issues including water quality is under the auspices of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)		X		There has been no funding available. The town has received a Bond Bill that will help with the development of a 'Green Street' on Windom Road after completion, this will result in reducing some of the impervious surface on that street.
3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?	X			The community park is in owned by MNCPPC but resides in the corporate limits of the town. A DNR grant was obtained adding sun shades to the new play equipment installed by MNCPPC. The grant also included handicap tables, new water fountain, and new grills. The grant moneys were also used to make the park handicap accessible.
4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?	X			In 2015, the town implemented mandatory recycling for all homes. Negotiations with existing trash company (Burch) commenced and were finalized. New recycling bins were distributed to each household which increased the amount of recycle and reduced the amount of trash from homes to the landfill by 28%.
5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?	X			The town is near grocery stores only by public transportation. There is also a YES organic market near, but public transportation is needed. It can be walkable for the youth, not seasoned persons. The town sponsors a "Produce for Seniors" program each month in collaboration with the Capital Area Food Bank.
OTHER:				

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ECONOMY	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an increase in the number of new businesses in your Main Street/ Commercial District?		X		Town has limited space for additional development, there is only one vacant lot which is less than one acre. However, since the area is a designated 'Opportunity Zone' there may be a possibility within the commercial corridor that there may be future opportunities.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			The town has been selected as a one of the 42 census tracks names as an Opportunity Zone in Prince Georges County. This designation will boost investment in our commercial area and will give developers an opportunity to increase their investment portfolio and obtain tax credits at the same time.
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?		X		The foot traffic has not increased in the commercial district. The current 14 businesses do not encourage foot traffic between businesses.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		X		There has been a slight increase since 2012 SC Plan and along the corridor in the next municipality modest rental housing facility options are being built which may encourage businesses to locate in North Brentwood should properties become available.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?		X		Currently, there have not been any hiring opportunities for residents, since most of the businesses in town are small and at capacity.
OTHER:				

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TRANSPORTATION				If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
	YES	NO	N/A	
1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover?		X		Due to the size of our town there has been no increase in bike paths to date. There is one bike trail on along the North Branch of the Anacostia which borders our town. However, there has been discussion to add a bike trail through town to attract visitors to visit the historical sites within our town when they are completed i.e. Sis's Tavern, Windom Road Barrier.
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?		X		Public transit has not changed however bus service is offered through the town by The Bus (Prince George's County) and Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) services the Washington, Maryland and Virginia area. WMATA also added a dedicated bus for the Route 1 Corridor.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)		X		No, the roads are narrow through town and not enough room to increase the sidewalks. All streets do have sidewalks however there has been a challenge to meet the ADA compliance on both sides of the street.
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?		X		The town is working on a 'Green Street' on Windom Road to help address urban flooding in that area.
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		X		The traffic congestion of Rhode Island Avenue has increased exponentially approximately 35% since 2012 and continues to increase. MDOT is addressing the issue in Hyattsville and adding a new traffic signal at the border of North Brentwood and Brentwood on Rhode Island Avenue to slow traffic down to help with ingress and egress into the towns.
OTHER:				

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HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have any residential facades been improved?	X			Since 2012 SC Plan there has been several investors that have renovated or built new homes within the town, which increased interest in purchasing homes in town. We hired a part-time code enforcement officer which has also helped ensure that properties are maintained.
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	X			The rate of increase of home ownership has increased by approximately 15%, due to new homes being built or renovated. This has also costed an increase in the value of homes and the purchase price of homes in town.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?	X			There have been five new homes built since 2012 and several existing homes renovated, however the average sales price of these homes have been \$364,000 according to Prince Georges County MLIS. This is about \$150,000 above the median affordable cost of homes in Prince Georges County. There continues to be a shortage of affordable housing for the low-income renters and seniors in town and workforce housing is still non-existent.
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?	X			Over the past few years the homes that were blighted have been demolished and renovated.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			Currently there are less than 10 vacant homes in town, with 5 of them on the market for sale.
OTHER:				

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QUALITY OF LIFE	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?			X	The Town of North Brentwood does not currently operate its own police department and depend on Prince George's County and MNCPPC for police coverage.
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)?	X			In the spring of 2018, the Veterans Memorial Garden was upgraded. The Town of North Brentwood received and Open Space grant from MD DNR to add a sun shade to the MNCPPC children's playground and a canopy was added to the Municipal Building side entrance.
3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?		X		Sis's Tavern when completed (late 2019) will be an entertainment venue and public arts addition for the Gateway Arts District partnering with the PGAAACC and Joe's Pavilion. The town is also partnering with Brentwood to memorialize the Windom Road Barrier and
4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved?			X	The town does not keep these records and depend on Prince Georges County Historical Society and the Maryland Historic Trust to provide permission and to provide that information to the town. All the twelve homes listed on the Historic Register are being or have been renovated with qualified exceptions being enforced by Prince Georges Historic Preservation.
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?	X			MNCPPC has a recreation center that serves primarily youth and young adults and operate the Senior Center. They also have a youth playground, tennis courts and basketball courts in town, as well as an open green space.
OTHER:				

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LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	IF YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have there been any infill developments?	X			Since 2012 there have been 3 new home constructions.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?		X		The Town of North Brentwood is landlocked by surrounding municipalities and the boundaries have not changed.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?	X			The town is landlocked by adjacent municipalities, but the possibility of vertical redevelopment of the existing commercial area.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	X			There have been no zoning changes, but the town was designated by the governor as an Opportunity Zone.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?		X		No there have not been any significant improvements since the last SC Plan, however the town is applying for funding for Stormwater Improvements and a Green Street.
OTHER:				

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COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
Community Legacy (CL): <input type="checkbox"/> CL 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> CL 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> CL 2019	DHCD	\$35,000 \$50,000 \$50.00		
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	DHCD	\$ 0	While no Strategic Demolition Fund has been applied for in the past. With the Opportunity Zone designation, the possibility of a Public/Private exist for the future.	
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT	\$ 0	The town does not currently have a police department	
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT	\$0	There has been some soft discussion with MDOT, Parks and Planning and ATHA about connecting the Town of North Brentwood to the historic trail and the bike trail.	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT	\$0	Discussion has been had with the utility companies to correct work that has been done.	
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE	\$0	The town is in the Anacostia water shed, which currently does not have an EPA accepted plan. Also, the town has clay soil that may not allow it to perk as needed for grants/loan	

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Other Funding Programs: <i>examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.</i>				
*Please add more rows if necessary				
FY 2019 MEA Maryland Smart Energy Communities	State/Federal	\$25,000		
AAHP 2017				
DNR 2014 Open Space	State	\$91,000		
DNR 2019 Open Space	State	\$87,350		
CDBG PY 41	Federal	\$100,000		
CDBG PY 43	Federal	\$ 23,506		
CDBG PY 45	Federal	\$ 87,350		
MHAA	State	\$25,500		
Preservation MD	State	\$3000		
ATHA Mini 2016	State	\$1000		
MD State Bond Bill 2014	State	\$125,000		
MD State Bond Bill FY 2019	State	\$125,000	Approved 3/2019	
MD State Bond Bill FY 2020	State	\$250,000	Approved 3/2019	
HISP 2016	State	\$5000		
HISP 2018	State	\$5000		
CBT Green Street Green Town Green Jobs	Foundation	\$15,000		Partner NDC

COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?

Under the State Bond Bill awarded for FY2020 funds have been designated for remediation of urban flooding that impacts those residents that reside in and near the 500-year flood plain area. Stormwater mitigation controls are needed using the most recent 'Green' Best Management Practices, however since this is the designated flood plain and the ground in the area will not perk, this hinders the town from receiving certain funding. There is also the issue that the Anacostia Watershed has not received approval for its EPA Watershed Plan which also prevents funding.

III. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Sustainable Community Action Plan (SC Plan or Plan) is meant to be a multi-year investment strategy – a strategic set of revitalization initiatives and projects that local partners believe will increase the economic vitality and livability of their community, increase prosperity for local households and improve the health of the surrounding environment. The Plan should be flexible enough to be updated regularly and renewed every five years as the community envisions new goals. The priority initiatives and projects identified in the action plan are your priorities for improving the livability of community places -- residential, commercial, or other public or private properties – and the sustainability of new work, retail, recreational and housing opportunities for residents. At the same time, the plan should only discuss the strategies that will impact the geographic area targeted for revitalization, so that resources have the best opportunity to have the intended effect. These projects can also be designed to reduce the environmental impact of the community through water and energy resource conservation and management strategies. In this way, the Plan can be a road map for local stakeholders as well as State agencies to work together to create a more a livable and sustainable community.

All communities submitted an SC Plan when the community earned its original designation. Some applicants may want to take advantage of the designation renewal process to outline new strategies, set new priorities or reaffirm existing strategies for their Sustainable Community. Changes to SC Plans may be due to changes in external factors affecting the community or changes in the priorities of the applicant.

Guidance for completing the Action Plan can be found on the next page.

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Action Plan Guidance

The document has been broken down into the same six categories as the Comprehensive Assessment section of this document. These parts address key components of your Sustainable Community Action Plan. Follow the guidelines below to fill out the matrix.

- 1) **For each of the different sections, pinpoint essential strengths and weaknesses of your community.**
Example Transportation: Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity. Weakness - Insufficient amount of downtown parking.
- 2) **Based on those strengths and weaknesses, formulate specific outcomes that address the most pressing issues or greatest potentials. Include a means of measuring the success of said outcome.**
Example Economy: Outcome – Expand broadband fiber optics in Town. Progress Measure - Linear measurement of fiber laid and number of residential and business connections.
- 3) **After defining the outcomes, list detailed strategies (break down to several action steps if needed) that will serve as the means to achieve those goals.** Example Economy: Strategy - Increase number of Town sponsored events ➤ Develop with community input, a series of weekend events that the Town could host.
- 4) **List potential partners that can support the successful implementation of these strategies through different types of resources.** Example Economy: DHCD (Community Legacy program), Small Business Administration (Services and financial assistance) etc.

Sustainable Community Action Plan

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Submitted by Town of North Brentwood,

Date:

April 4, 2019

Environment

(Environmental strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to quality of land, water, air, watersheds, tree canopy, risk of sea level rise, carbon footprint, energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, parks, trails and recreation, recycling, water and sewer capacity, etc)

Strengths

- Town owns and maintains a Memorial Garden
- Basketball/Tennis Court and park in town borders (managed by M-NCPPC)
- Open space available near Tavern is planned for outdoor pavilion/park located near Rhode Island Avenue
- North Brentwood is a clean town with little trash or debris

Weaknesses

- Town was built in a flood plain; has aging stormwater infrastructure such as an antiquated pumping station leads to significant flooding issues
- Clay soil and high-water table adds to urban flooding issues
- Thin and aging tree canopy across the town
- No farmer's market or grocery store within 1 mile of the town

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures

Measures

Based on the strengths and weaknesses identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address.

What outcomes are you trying to achieve?

Where/ in what area do you want those changes to happen?

Progress Measure: Identify how you will know that you have achieved your outcome.

Outcome 1: Continue to work with County and other stakeholders to address flooding

Progress Measures: Reduced occurrences of flooding; installation of stormwater infrastructure

Strategies and Action Items

Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy.

Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes.

Strategy A: Apply to Coast Smart Communities program for tools and trainings for long-term flood hazard mitigation

Strategy B: Develop municipal stormwater plan that helps reduce the amount of impervious surface within the town

Strategy C: Increase the permeability of surface along Rhode Island Avenue

Implementation Partners

Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Tree Planting Program, Maryland DNR, DPW, Anacostia Water shed (-AU partnership), neighboring municipalities

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Outcome 2: Investment in canopy cover within town borders Progress Measures: Number of trees planted and maintained	Strategy A: Install sunshade tree plantings in area playgrounds Strategy B: Develop tree planting and maintenance plan for Town ----- Activity 1: Explore tree planting programs for homeowners and public park properties, especially to replace aging trees	M-NCPPC, Maryland DNR, Chesapeake Bay Trust
Outcome 3: Create opportunities for environmental sustainability among residents Progress Measures: Number of sustainability activities implemented	Strategy A: Develop an environmental education program for residents Strategy B: Identify indoor/outdoor venue for an affordable farmer's market "strategy C: Consider establishing "pay as you throw" program Strategy D: Identify lot for community gardens with support of residents knowledgeable of gardening Strategy E: Consider establishing composting program for Town residents Strategy F: Participate in Sustainable Maryland Certified program	Maryland DNR, Maryland Dept. of Agriculture, Maryland DHCD, M-NCPPC, MD Black Mayors Organization, Town Green Team, University of MD Environmental Finance Center
<h3><u>Economy</u></h3> <p>(Economic strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, health of the business district and commercial vacancies, workforce/employment and economic drivers, local policies/regulations, marketing, tourism, cultural and historic assets)</p>		
<div>Strengths</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic location within close proximity of Washington DC, Baltimore, and Northern Virginia • Town is a newly designated Opportunity Zone • Town has 14 commercial properties • Town is primarily residential and has attractive small-town community feel • Commercial area has the possibility of redevelopment 		
<div>Weaknesses</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant gas station in town limits • Multiple commercial properties are under-utilized • Town has limited space for additional commercial development • Is Tavern still under reconstruction • Limited job and vocational training • Limited commercial tax base • Tennis courts are incomplete 		

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Encourage commercial development along Route 1</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new venues/businesses along Route 1; number of rehabilitated buildings</p>	<p>Strategy A: Seek opportunities to create a Master Development Plan for Route 1/Rhode Island Avenue;</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD, Maryland Department of Commerce, UMD Real Estate Development program, Prince Georges County Redevelopment Authority</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Provide renovations and other necessary work to existing commercial structures and community assets in the Town</p> <p>Progress Measures: Completion of all renovations; number of patrons</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete renovation of Sis's Tavern</p> <p>Strategy B: Conduct environmental remediation study on the vacant gas station</p> <p>Strategy C: Develop a business roundtable businesses or Business Improvement Development group along Route 1 to discuss commercial business issues</p> <p>Strategy D: Complete construction on the tennis courts</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD, Maryland Department of Commerce, MDE</p>

Transportation

(Transportation strengths and weaknesses can include access to transit corridors, pedestrian safety and accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, proximity to transportation centers, parking, road conditions)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good access to public transit (bus and metro) Route 1 Corridor access Anacostia bike trail CSX Rail lines cut through the town Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail – MDOT/SHA project Route 1 Rides - Bus loop that connects North Brentwood to IKEA in College Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of sidewalks within town, especially where children walk to school Sidewalks are not ADA compliant Lack of crosswalks Concern over hazardous materials entering and impacting town through rail line in the event of a disaster Bus stops lack shelters Limited street parking due to narrow roadways Significant traffic congestion on Rhode Island Avenue/Route 1 Concern over safety on Town's main arteries

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures		Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Development of Emergency Hazard Plan Progress Measures: Creation of EHP		Strategy A: Develop an EHP that addresses flooding, hazardous rail lines, etc.	FEMA, MEMA
Outcome 2: Improve appearance of Town along Route 1 Progress Measures: Number of features installed		Strategy A: Install landscaping, streetscaping and lighting along Route 1/Rhode Island Avenue	Maryland DHCD, Maryland DOT, Maryland DNR
Outcome 3: Improve sidewalk and bike trail connectivity in Town Progress Measures: Number of linear feet of installed sidewalk/bike lanes; number of installed crosswalks		Strategy A: Conduct survey of Town for locations to install new sidewalks and crosswalks Strategy B: Install sidewalks in designated areas Strategy C: Extend Anacostia Bike Trail to connect Town to Washington DC	SHA, Neighborhood Design Center, neighboring municipalities
Outcome 4: Enhance roadway safety Progress Measures: Number of traffic calming features installed, number of reduced accidents		"strategy A: Install traffic calming devices on Town's main arteries (40 th Street, Wallace Road, and Allison Street)	SHA, MDOT
Outcome 5: Create more options for ride-sharing within town limits Progress Measures: Number of vehicles available, number of rides taken		Strategy A: Initiate Zipcar in North Brentwood	Zipcar

Housing

(Housing strengths and weaknesses can include affordability, homeownership vs rental, housing stock diversity, housing condition and value, housing programs, foreclosures, residential vacancies, property values, home sale values)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique architecture • Very few vacant properties or lots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging housing stock, might require upgrades in energy efficiency • Limited options for seniors to age in place • Some buildings that could benefit from façade improvement

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase participation in home and neighborhood improvement programs</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of homes weatherized or improved, number of people reached through outreach program, number of facades improved</p>	<p>Strategy A: Enhance education and outreach to homeowners in need of weatherization and other home improvement services</p> <p>Strategy B: Implementation of a façade improvement program to assist with property upkeep – consider hire local element to program</p> <p>“strategy C: Develop community ““spruce Up” initiative to beautify targeted nodes/streets in Town</p>	Maryland DHCD
<p>Outcome 2: Develop senior housing options within town</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of senior apartments created</p>	Strategy A: Identify and acquire site appropriate for senior housing	Maryland DHCD, real estate development consultant

Quality of Life

(Strengths and weaknesses can include crime, socio-economic demographics, educational opportunities, museums, libraries, historic and cultural assets, civic amenities, faith-based organizations, economic health of households, sense of place, etc)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low crime rate • Rich town history (first African-American town incorporated in Prince George's County in 1924) • Small town feel and strong sense of community • Home of Prince George's African American Museum • Strong faith-based community partnerships • Town organizations are a lifeline for the community • Capitol Area Food Bank runs a produce for senior's plan • Engaged community stakeholders - Gwendolyn Britt Senior Center, North Brentwood Civic Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived public health challenges • Limited amount of open space for community gathering • Lack of a pharmacy and open medical clinics • Slow snow and ice removal during the winter months • Limited accessibility to affordable healthy food options • Lack sense of place

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase the number of outdoor open spaces for community events</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased venue locations; increased number of public events</p> <p>Outcome 2: Encourage tourism and sense of place based upon the historic nature of the community</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of events; number of historic markers installed</p> <p>Outcome 3: Improvement of municipal and community services</p> <p>Progress measures: Enhanced snow removal</p>	<p>Strategy A: Provide landscaping to the park adjacent to Sis's Tavern</p> <p>Strategy B: Development of pocket park along Rhode Island Avenue</p> <p>Strategy A: Install historic markers throughout the town detailing historic significance of local area</p> <p>Strategy B: Host events through the African American Museum</p> <p>Strategy C: Consider design and installation of gateway signage that will create Town identity/brand</p> <p>Strategy A: Improve the efficiency and speediness of snow and ice removal from the Town</p> <p>Strategy B: Pursue HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) City designation for senior population</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue to maintain perception of Town as a low crime community with increased police presence</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD, Maryland DNR, M-NCPPC, local law enforcement</p> <p>Local museums, Neighborhood Design Center, Hyattsville CDC, North Brentwood Civic Association</p> <p>Town government, County government, Gwendolyn Britt Senior Center, County police</p>

Local Planning and Land Use

(Strengths and weaknesses in the local planning and land use subject area include but are not limited to zoning, land use, policies, taxes and fees, historical patterns of development, lot sizes and shapes, etc)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Historic Designation Town is part of the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District Prince George's County Historic Preservation Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language barriers with growing non-English speaking population Currently no long-range comprehensive plan Concern over senior residents being priced out of homes through gentrification Lack of public works staff in Town

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Develop strategies for engaging non-English-speaking population in local government affairs</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new participants</p>	<p>Strategy A: Provide bilingual newsletter of local activities and occurrences happening within the Town</p> <p>Strategy B: Try to recruit volunteers from bilingual community</p> <p>Strategy C: Engage faith-based community and local schools in community outreach and organizing efforts</p> <p>Strategy D: Partner with Town of Brentwood to develop communications plan for engaging non-English speaking residents</p>	Local bilingual speakers, area churches
<p>Outcome 2: Protect the local historic character of the Town</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of homes receiving historic designation</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop mechanism, such as local historic district, overlay zone or design guidelines that will help preserve and protect the historic character of North Brentwood</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop a 5-10-year Comprehensive Plan for the Town of North Brentwood</p>	Hyattsville CDC, M-NCPPC, Neighborhood Design Center
<p>Outcome 3: Protection of senior residents from being priced out of homes through gentrification of the Town</p> <p>Progress measures: Number of seniors remaining in their original homes, zoning ordinance changes</p>	Strategy A: Implement a zoning ordinance that permits a municipal property tax freeze for fixed-income seniors	Town government, county government

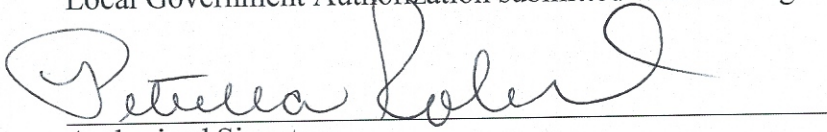
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Outcome 4: Amplify staffing needs where necessary to help the Town operate Progress Measures: Number of new staffers	Strategy A: Develop sustainable funding mechanism for permanent Town Manager and public works staff	County government
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SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of the Town of North Brentwood, MD, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for North Brentwood Sustainable Community Area. I understand that the Disclosure Authorization and Certification from the original Sustainable Communities application continues to apply to the applicant local government, and as such the applicant agrees that not attaching an objection constitutes consent to the information being made available to the public, and a waiver of any rights the applicant may have regarding this information under Maryland's Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

I also confirm that I am named, or a former holder of my current title is named as an authorized official for the Sustainable Communities designation for my local government in the Local Government Authorization submitted with the original application.


Authorized Signature

Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Type Name and Title

April 4, 2019

Date